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Africa Steering Committee meeting

Date: 11 August 2022

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 GMT

Place: Zoom

Participants:

ASC members

1. Fatima DIALLO
2. Fatima MIMBIRE, Vice-Chair
3. Christian MOUNZEO, Chair
4. James KORYOR
5. Brice MACKOSSO

Secretariat

1. Eric BISIL (EB)
2. Demba SEYDI (DS)
3. Nelly BUSINGYE (NB)

Apologies

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Actions

Action	Responsible	Deadline
Translate and share meeting notes with ASC members	Demba	15/08/2022

Meeting Notes

Welcome and opening remarks

On behalf of the ASC Chair, Brice welcomed the participants to the meeting which will discuss a broad range of issues including CoP 27 and a possible in person ASC meeting.



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Christian noted that COVID has created challenges where we cannot meet in person however, countries are opening up and it is good to make considerations on meeting in person.

Regional Updates

Central Africa

Eric shared updates from CA & Madagascar. These include:

- The DiscloseTheDeal campaign implemented by PWYP coalitions from Madagascar and DRC.
- The PWYP Cameroon gender project and the preparation of its general assembly
- The level of progress on the implementation of PWYP Gabon EITI project
- The level of progress on the implementation of PWYP Chad project on institutional capacity building
- The establishment of new coordination within PWYP CAR to revitalise the coalition
- The renewal of civil society members of the EITI DRC Committee

Francophone West Africa

Demba shared updates from FWA. These include:

The preparations for the webinars on energy transition PWYP intends to organise in partnership with NRGi. The draft concept note is being reviewed.

On the DiscloseTheDeal campaign, PWYP coalitions from Niger, Senegal and Mali have received their subgrants. Coalitions from Guinea and Cote d'Ivoire will receive subgrants in the coming months.

PWYP members working on the Hewlett gender project have contributed to the development of the PWYP contribution document as part of the review of the EITI standard in 2023.

DS shared a brief update on the West African High-Level Conference on Inequalities and Natural Resource Management ISODEC is organising in Accra, Ghana from 17 to 19 August 2022. The two-day high-level conference is about the role that natural resource management can play in reducing widening economic and social inequalities in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) region. PWYP members from West Africa will submit technical papers as follows:

- PWYP AWA paper titled: "Gender justice and extractivism in West Africa. What are feminist groups saying and doing about it?"
- PWYP FWA paper titled: "How do social and economic inequalities manifest themselves in mining communities and how have community organisations confronted these in West Africa and beyond?"



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- The meeting will provide a platform for PWYP members to connect with other colleagues and partners in the region.

As part of the Social Bonds project, coalitions from Senegal, Guinea and Mali have received their subgrants. The PWYP International Secretariat is planning to organise jointly with Latin America grantees. Aroa and Demba are working on the plans. Demba informed that Social Bonds subgrantees from FWA are planning to organise local COP 27 events as part of the project; more details will be shared when this is confirmed.

As part of the institutional support the PWYP International Secretariat is providing to the members, coalitions from Cote d'ivoire and Guinea-Bissau have received subgrants to develop policy documents, organise AGM and cover some institutional costs. The institutional process is still pending for PWYP Mauritania. Demba is considering it in his priorities for the next quarter.

East and Southern Africa and Africa Region updates

In the ESA region, the ESA Webinar series on Energy Transition are ongoing. The last webinar is expected to take place in September. PWYP Zimbabwe under the disclose the deal campaign is in its final stage of implementation of the project that is facilitating them to advocate for better transparency in the way contracts are disclosed in the mining sector.

The Secretariat has received funding from Africa Climate Foundation for Transition Minerals Work in Africa. The 150,000 USD grant will also enable us to participate in CoP and develop a campaign/advocacy plan on transition minerals. The countries targeted for this project include Zambia, DRC, Mali and Madagascar as they are all rich in transition minerals. We will also establish a transition minerals working group to facilitate more engagement among members in Africa and other like minded organisations. The project will also require active participation of the Africa Steering Committee to succeed.

Additionally, we have submitted a grant proposal for a tie off grant from OSISA as it prepares to wind up operations as the merger in Open Society across Africa takes effect. We also submitted a grant proposal to NORAD through Global Witness - this will compliment transition minerals work that we have embarked on.

Recruitment for the Anglophone West Africa Regional Coordinator. The secretariat re-advertised the position in August because the first process did not yield positive results. The deadline for submission was 10th August and we have received close to 200 applications.



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Feedback on presentations

Christian congratulated the Secretariat team for the huge work done during the last two quarters, including the subgrants that are useful to maintain the movement vitality in countries where funding opportunities are limited.

Fatima Diallo: The ESA webinar series are good and it would be good to replicate the same in Francophone Africa. Fatima Diallo is keen to have a look at the concept note for the francophone Africa webinar on ET. She is asking if apart from webinars there is a plan to have an in person capacity building session on ET for PWYP Members from francophone Africa.

Preparations for the COP 27 and ASC in-person meeting: Logistics, plans

Eric shared updates on the PWYP plans for the COP27. The updates include the objectives of PWYP, the key demands and the activities planned.

Eric presented the challenges the Secretariat is facing to confirm the participation of the delegates. The challenges include finding a hotel for accommodation, the visa application process (invitation letters required whereas we don't have any provider yet) and the access to the COP called Blue Zone (the influencing area).

Eric requested suggestions and orientations from the ASC on this.

Feedback from ASC members

Brice: A bit worried by the fact we have not yet found any accommodation. He is suggesting to get in touch with the PWYP coalition from MENA to see if they can support getting invitation letters for visa application and so on.

Christian: suggesting having in coming days a separate call (1h) to discuss COP27 preparation.

Fatima Diallo: is currently in Accra with people working on energy transition who will be at the COP27. She will ask them as many questions as possible and will share them during the next meeting.

Nelly: Suggesting to have discussion with ASC on COP27 as part of the ACF meeting planned for the 18th.

PWYP 2023 Africa Conference - Brainstorming on dates, format, expectations

The PWYP next Africa Conference is meant to happen in 2023. ASC members are encouraged to start brainstorming on the format considering all the implications of whether it's online or in-person. For the dates, generally this meeting is organised in Quarter 2 or 3 of the year. The host country is often chosen based on a rotation principle. The Secretariat will check the



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previous locations to suggest the region that could host the conference and potentially select the host country via maybe a call for applications.

Brice: EITI Conference will be held in Senegal in June 2023. He suggested we add our Africa Conference in margins of the EITI conference or during the same period. This could reduce costs, as The EITI Conference may cover some costs for their delegates.

Next Steps

Schedule ASC call to discuss about COP27 level of preparation

Closing

Christian shared the closing remarks and congratulated the ASC members for their participation and insights. He invited ASC members to provide support to the Secretariat in the preparations for the PWYP participation in the COP27. HE suggested organising a separate meeting relating to this item.